(c) if so, whether Government will reimburse security-related expenditure to this State as it has done in the case of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Assam; and

(d) by when, the reimbursement will be made to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir, the Centrla Government has reimbursed security-related expenditure to the State of Jammu and Kashmir and to Assam for the period 1990—95. As far as Punjab is concerned, the instalments of principal and interest for the years 1997—2000 pertaining to the Special Term Loans given to Punjab during the years from 1984-85 to 1993-94 have been waived by the Centre.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Central Government are in the process of formulating and finalising the eligibility criteria and the guidelines for reimbursement of security-related expenditure in respect of North Eastern States. Reimbursement would be possible after approval of the guidelines and adequate provision of funds in this regard.

पुलिस तथा प्रशासनिक विभागों के अपराधियों के साथ संबंध

2361. **श्री राज बब्बर:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ लोगों, जिनका संबंध और संपर्क अपराधियों और माफिया से है, की संख्या पुलिस और प्रशासनिक विभागों में बढ़ रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Talks With NSCN

2362. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to hold talks with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) to resolve the Naga problem; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and by when it is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to hold talks with the Issac Muiviah group of National Socialist Council of Nagaland which responded to the offer for talks made by the Government.

Talks with this group are continuing.

Anti-Dowry Cases

2363. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of anti-dowry cases pending in the Courts in Delhi and the number of such cases under investigation;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of women are misusing the anti-dowry provisions to harass their husbands and their relatives; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to make suitable amendments in IPC so as to protect the innocent persons and if so, the details thereof and by when it is propsoed to be done?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Delhi Police have informed that as on 31.5.1998, there were 6386 anti-dowry cases pending trial in the Courts in Delhi. The number of such cases under investigation as on 31.5.1998 was 900.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

मौतों की पुष्टि के लिए दिल्ली पुलिस की प्रयोगशाला

2364. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: